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Attorney Docket No.
31721-169084

Attention: Box Patent Application

Re: New Patent Application
Inventor: Naoyuki TAKAHASHI et al

Sir:

Please find attached hereto an application for patent which includes:
Specification, Claims, Declaration, Power of Attorney.

Priority Document, the rights of priority of which are claimed
herewith under 35 U.S.C. 119: Japanese Application No. 2000-270300 filed
September 6, 2000.

Drawing: 6 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-6).

Verified Statements Claiming Small Entity Status: Independent
Inventor and Small Business Concern.

Fee (see formula below) check enclosed.

Basic Fee \$355/710..... \$ 355.00

Additional Fees:

Total number of claims in excess of 20_0 times \$9/18 \$ ---.---

Number of independent claims 2 (1, 3)
in excess of 3: 0 times \$40/80..... \$ ---.---

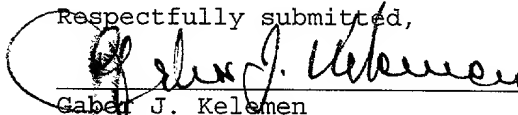
Multiple Dependent Claim \$135/270..... \$ ---.---

An assignment is likewise enclosed; Recording Fee \$40.\$ 40.00

TOTAL FEES FOR THE ABOVE APPLICATION... \$ 395.00

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